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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Laron Crittenden, 28, of Chicago, Ill., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 60 months in prison for conspiracy to distribute five or more grams of crack cocaine. Crittenden pled guilty to this charge on August 23, 2007.

Crittenden's two conspirators were previously sentenced for their respective roles in the conspiracy as follows: James Stevens was sentenced on February 15, 2007 to 200 months in prison, and Jerry Lee Ward was sentenced on March 13, 2007 to 144 months in prison.

The charges against Crittenden, Stevens and Ward were the result of an investigation conducted by Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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